

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3475

AN ACT

To amend title 49, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Transportation to designate an authorized operator of the commercial driver's license information system, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening the
3 Commercial Driver’s License Information System Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE INFORMATION**
5 **SYSTEM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 31309 of title 49, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) in the first sentence—

10 (i) by inserting “(referred to in this
11 section as the ‘Secretary’)” after “Sec-
12 retary of Transportation”; and

13 (ii) by inserting “(referred to in this
14 section as the ‘information system’)” after
15 “an information system”; and

16 (B) in the second sentence, by inserting
17 “information” before “system”;

18 (2) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) in paragraph (1)—

20 (i) by striking “(1) At a minimum,
21 the information system under this section”
22 and inserting the following:

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—At a minimum, the infor-
24 mation system”; and

25 (ii) by indenting subparagraphs (A)
26 through (F) appropriately; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “(2) The
2 information system under this section” and in-
3 serting the following:

4 “(2) REQUIREMENT.—The information sys-
5 tem”;

6 (3) in subsection (e)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
9 graph (A), by striking “under this sec-
10 tion”; and

11 (ii) in subparagraph (E), by inserting
12 “information” after “of the”;

13 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “com-
14 mercial driver’s”; and

15 (C) in paragraph (5), by striking “under
16 this section”;

17 (4) in subsection (f)—

18 (A) by striking “section 31313(a)” and in-
19 serting “subsections (a)(2) and (b) of section
20 31313”; and

21 (B) by striking “section 31313” and in-
22 serting “that section”;

23 (5) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
24 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

1 (6) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(d) AUTHORIZED OPERATOR.—The Secretary may
4 authorize a qualified entity (referred to in this section as
5 the ‘authorized operator’)—

6 “(1) to operate, maintain, develop, modernize,
7 and enhance the information system; and

8 “(2) to collect fees on behalf of the Secretary
9 in accordance with subsection (e); and

10 “(3) to use any fees collected in accordance
11 with that subsection.

12 “(e) FEE SYSTEM.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary or the au-
14 thorized operator, as applicable, may charge a rea-
15 sonable fee for use of the information system.

16 “(2) AMOUNT OF FEES.—The total amount of
17 fees collected under this subsection shall equal, as
18 nearly as possible, the total amount necessary for
19 the purposes and uses described in paragraph
20 (3)(B).

21 “(3) USE OF FEES.—Fees collected under this
22 subsection shall—

23 “(A) be credited to—

24 “(i) an appropriation account; or

1 “(ii) an account designated by the au-
2 thorized operator; and

3 “(B) be available only for the purposes of
4 operating, maintaining, developing, modern-
5 izing, or enhancing, or any other use relating
6 to, the information system, including for per-
7 sonnel and administration costs relating to the
8 information system.

9 “(4) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Fees col-
10 lected under this subsection shall remain available
11 until expended for a purpose or use described in
12 paragraph (3)(B).

13 “(5) AUTHORIZED OPERATOR.—If the Sec-
14 retary designates an authorized operator under sub-
15 section (d)—

16 “(A) the Secretary shall not be charged a
17 fee for access to, use of, or data in the informa-
18 tion system; and

19 “(B) the Secretary shall have access to fee
20 statements on a quarterly basis.”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
22 31311(a)(21) of title 49, United States Code, is amended
23 by striking “By the date established by the Secretary

- 1 under section 31309(e)(4), the State shall be operating”
- 2 and inserting “The State shall operate”.

Passed the Senate September 25, 2024.

Attest:

Secretary.

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